To the Electors of St. Antoine Division.

Gentlemen,

I have been offered and have accepted the Liberal nomination for your Division.

In doing this I heartily endorse the policy of the Liberal Party as now put before the people, and, if I am elected, as with your assistance I hope to be, I will give it my energetic support consistent with the best interests of your Division.

I regard the main issue in this contest, the proposed Reciprocity agreement, as one of the most beneficent measures that Canada has ever had the opportunity to enjoy.

I am supported in this attitude by the example of the best and ablest of Canada's statesmen who, irrespective of party affiliations, have labored for it constantly since 1866, when the United States cancelled the Reciprocity agreement then existing with Canada. I need only mention such names among the honored dead as Sir John A. Macdonald and the Hon. George Brown or Sir John Thompson and Sir Oliver Mowat. Of the living, such names as Sir Wilfrid Laurier; Sir Charles Tupper; Sir Richard Cartwright; the Hon. Mr. Fielding and the Hon. George E. Foster. These men have used their best efforts to bring about Reciprocity in natural products with the United States and all without success until fortune favored Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the Hon. Mr. Fielding, who are now able to place this great advantage to Canada in our hands.

As a humble follower in the footsteps of these great men, need I say more than that I consider I have most excellent precedents for my course.

I am a business man and a man of action rather than of words, but you will pardon me for adding that I firmly believe this proposed Reciprocity agreement is in the very best interests of the manufacturers and the consumers Digitized by the Internet Archive in 2017 with funding from University of Toronto

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of St. Antoine Division. If I did not believe so, I would not have consented to become a candidate.

I am further convinced that the whole policy of the Liberal party is destined to make the City of Montreal one of the largest manufacturing and exporting cities of this continent.

In a brief statement of this kind it is impossible to discuss in detail the various points involved in the solution of the great questions before us, but ample opportunities, both in the way of public meetings and printed matter, will be afforded the electors.

It would be a great pleasure for me to call personally on every one of the eleven thousand electors of the Division, but, as this is an impossibility, I take this opportunity to ask you for your votes in my behalf in support of the Liberal Party, which has done so magnificently for the prosperity of Canada.

Yours faithfully,

Liberal Candidate.

Montreal, 28th August, 1911.